

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed with an RCE in the subject application. Please enter this preliminary amendment after entering the previous Amendment After Final. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

The above amendment to the claims does not address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserve all rights they may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicants furthermore reserve their right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

All the claims have been distinguished from the prior art, and applicant respectfully requests allowance of all the claims.

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Respectfully submitted,

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